

REMARKS

Claims 1-64, 107-120, 123-129, and 131-129 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1-22, 25, 26, 28-31, 60-64, 107-120, 123-129, and 131-136 are cancelled and claims 23, 24, and 27 are amended as independent claims. No new matter is introduced. Prompt allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims and Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 32-59 and 137-139 and for indicating that claims 23, 24 and 27 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 23, 24 and 27 have been rewritten in independent form. Allowance of claims 23, 24, and 27 is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 7-12, 15-18, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,003,384 to Durden et al. (hereinafter Durden) in view of U.S. Patent 5,488,409 to Yuen et al. (hereafter Yuen).

Claims 1, 7-12, 15-18, and 22 have been cancelled, rendering the rejections of these claims moot.

Claims 1-16, 19-21, 31, 61-64, and 117-136 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,251,324 to McMullan (hereinafter McMullan) in view of Yuen.

Claims 1-16, 19-21, 31, 61-64, and 117-136 have been cancelled, rendering the rejections of these claims moot.

Claims 14, 25, 26, and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Durden and McMullan in view of Yuen.


Claims 14, 25, 26, and 28-30 have been cancelled, rendering the rejections of these claims moot.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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